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C. COCOM DOC (75) 1735
D. COCOM DOC 5 (75) 1795

1. PRIOR TO SUBMITTING STATEMENT TRANSMITTED REFTEL TO COCOM, USDEL WISHES TO CLARIFY CERTAIN POINTS IN IT. USDEL NOTES THAT STATEMENT OUTLINES US NATIONAL POLICY REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS TO CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAT STATEMENT SERVES TO INFORM OTHER COCOM MEMBERS THEREOF. OUR APPROVAL OF UK EXCEPTION REQUESTS TO NORTH VIETNAM IN REFS C AND D IS INDICATION THAT WE DO NOT EXPECT OUR COCOM PARTNERS TO APPLY THE SAME STRINGENT CONTROLS TO THESE AREAS AS WE DO. RATHER WE WILL AP-PARENTLY BE SATISFIED IF THEY APPLY COCOM EMBARGO CON-TROLS AND PROCEDURES.

2. PARA THREE OF STATEMENT AS CURRENTLY DRAFTED, HOW-EVER, MAY GIVE RISE TO IMPRESSION THAT US DOES EXPECT OTHER COCOM MEMBERS TO APPLY MEASURES AS RESTRICTIVE AS THOSE BEING APPLIED BY US. IN ORDER TO FORECLOSE
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ANY SUCH INTERPRETATION, WHICH COULD RESULT IN NEEDLESS

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DEBATE AS TO COCOM STATUS OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, USDEL PROPOSES TO AMEND FINAL SENTENCE PARAGRAPH THREE TO READ "THE UNITED STATES WOULD THEREFORE HOPE THAT OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES OF COCOM WILL RECOGNIZE THAT AS SIMILAR CONDITIONS NOW EXIST IN THESE COUNTRIES, THE SAME CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES SHOULD BE APPLIED TO THEM AS ARE APPLIED TO NORTH VIETNAM."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT'S CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF PARA THREE.
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